

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** (continued)

**RESPONSE:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

**Response.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13  
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*  
No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL :** John 20:19-23  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

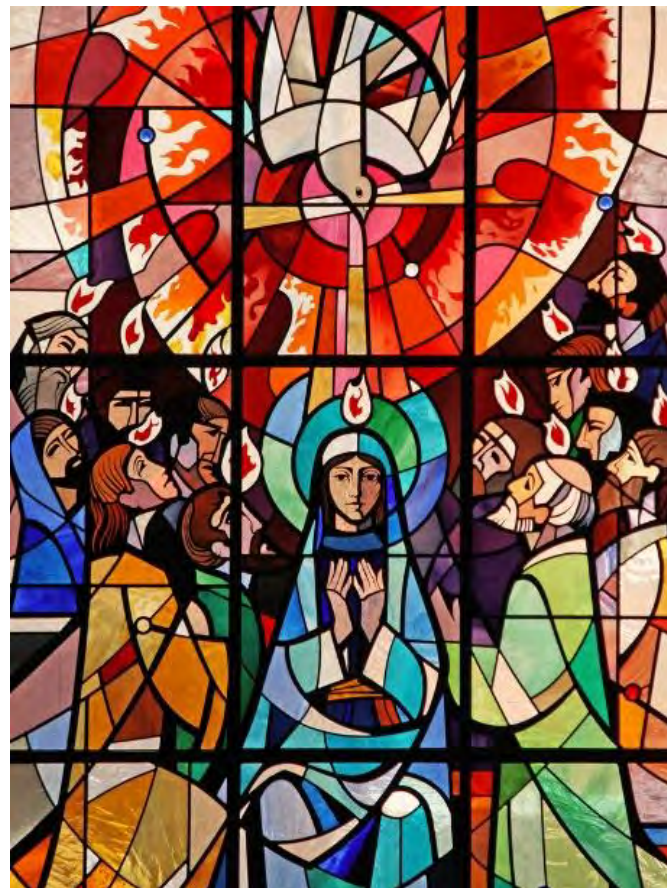
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9;  
2 Cor 13: 11-13;  
Jn 3: 16-18.

**Safeguarding our community:** If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**



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**MASS TIMES:**

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.  
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.  
MONDAY: 9.15am Communion Service.  
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.  
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.  
Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.  
Marriage: By appointment.  
Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:1-11

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

**RESPONSE:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

**Response.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**Response.**

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**27 / 28 MAY 2023 – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
READER	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		CHARLIZE LOCASTRO & ARIANA STERNE
PROJECTION	V PERERA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		OSCAR BERLIETNER JASON BARBER
COUNTERS	GROUP 8: F KURNIAWAN A NAGANATHAN D TAN		
ALTAR FLOWERS	J KEYSER	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

**3 / 4 JUNE 2023 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
READER	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTION			
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
COUNTERS	GROUP 9: C DABBAH T DABBAH A STANTON		
ALTAR FLOWERS	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

**PARISH NEWS & NOTICES**

**Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died especially Margaret Cooper (*wife of Peter Cooper. Margaret's funeral will be held here at St Therese on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.30am*). Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially Joseph Davies. Please pray for those who are sick and struggling with an illness especially Julian Santa Maria and Michael Hahn.



**First Holy Communion NEXT SUNDAY at 11.30am.**

- **Parent & Candidate Sessions:** The last session is scheduled for WEDNESDAY the 31<sup>st</sup> May in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 4pm in the Church.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am.



**Prayer and Reflection Group.**

Come and join our Tuesday evening "Prayer and Reflection Group" held in the school hall at 7.30pm. The group alternates each week between Liturgy of the Word and Lectio Divina. Everyone is welcome to attend any week you are free with no obligation to come each and every week.



**Annual General Meeting - update.**

Last Sunday we held our Annual General Meeting. It was great to see 25 interested parishioners in attendance to hear about the highs of the parish and also receive an update on our finances which are looking good. A new council was elected and will consist of 10 Councillors who will meet for the first time THIS Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm in the presbytery. At this meeting the positions within the Council will be assigned. More details next week after the meeting.



**Safeguarding Children Training for all parishioners.**

Our first training session is **THIS Sunday at 7.30pm in the Church.**

We strongly encourage ALL our parish volunteers and ALL parishioners to attend, especially those who have previously provided us with their WWC number.



Other training dates are:

**Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

and also on **Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.**

**ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH.**

This training needs to be refreshed every 3 years. Our last parish training was in 2019. That is why this is essential that people take the time to show up. Please write your name and email address on the clipboards noting which session you will attend.

**Cuppa THIS SUNDAY after 10am Mass.**

To help us all celebrate Pentecost, the parents from the school, will be organising a "Cuppa". Everyone is welcome to stay.



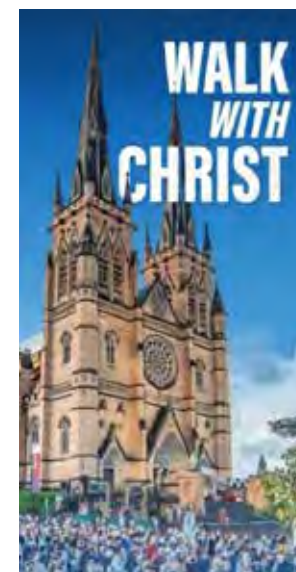
**A new Catholic soon.**

Our Brother, Robert Bernleitner, is becoming a member of the Catholic Church on the 11th June. He will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at the 10am Mass. In the coming weeks please pray for Robert and his family.



**Walk with Christ - Sunday 11 June.**

Join Catholics from across greater Sydney for the Walk with Christ procession through central Sydney to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi when Christ reminds us as Catholics that He will be with us till the end of time through His real presence in the Holy Eucharist. 1pm Festival in Martin Place. The procession begins at 2.30pm from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street. **Those interested from the parish please add your name to the clipboard in the church foyer.**



**This way we can decide if we need to hire a large or a smaller bus.**

**Pentecost Sunday.**



Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church! And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

At Pentecost, the glorified Jesus Christ poured out the Spirit in abundance and revealed him as a divine Person so that the Holy Spirit was fully manifest. The mission of Christ and the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.

The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit is mentioned by St Paul in his letter to the Galatians 5:22 as the virtues of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Paul sees the fruit of the Holy Spirit as the counterbalance for the various vices.



Always pray to receive these gifts and fruits!

**Flowers for the Church.**

We need more volunteers to help with this wonderful ministry. So please consider if you can help out once a month. A great idea is to do it with a friend and use it as a catch-up time for you both. We ask the rostered volunteers to buy the flowers they are to arrange and then give the receipts to Gayle in the Parish office. All monies will be fully reimbursed.



**Podcast - The Catechism in a Year.**

"The Catechism in a Year" podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 episodes. Why not try it whilst having your morning coffee each day.